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as imposing an undue burden on the Examiner.

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In the claims

Please amend claims 3, 4 and 7 of both Group I and Group II in the above-identified patent application as follows: (A marked-up version of the amendments is enclosed herewith for the Examiner's convenience.)

B1 3. The process of claim 2, wherein the specimen is lung mucus, throat mucus, cervical mucus, colorectal mucus or seminal fluid.

4. The process of claim 2, wherein said specimen is deposited on a generally white substrate, and wherein said process further comprises developing color from said sample by enzyme reaction or Schiff's reaction.

B2 7. The process of claim 1, wherein said defined color characteristic to be measured is hue angle or chroma and said hue angle or chroma is determined spectrophotometrically.